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...and read your Bible daily

WEEKLY SERMONETTE

By Jerry Cummings, Pastor of Living Hope Fellowship in Norton

Today I was reading the story of how Jesus fed the 5,000 with only five loaves and two fishes. The disciples wanted Jesus to send the crowd away so they could eat elsewhere, but Jesus told them that they should give them something to eat. This must have shocked the disciples, who began

ten when we find ourselves with only a small supply for a big need, we are not too thankful. We tend to even despise what we do have. We complain, "I never have enough". Or maybe, "God I could do so much more if I just had more to do with". But Jesus did not come to his

mentally calculating the impossibility of such a task. They noted that even a year's wages would not pay for food to feed all these people. But Jesus asked them what they did have. They reported that they had gotten five loaves and two fish from a boy, but how significant was that among so many? Jesus was unruffled by this and told them to have everyone sit down for dinner. He then gave thanks for the food ... such as it was. His thanks giving was so noteworthy, that the place was later referred to as the place where Jesus had given thanks.

As I was reading this today, what got my attention, was not just the miracle that took place, but how Jesus gave thanks. Of-



So I Can See the Road Ahead

"Oh, I suppose I may be late for work this morning, but what can I do? This fog is so thick, I can't see two feet in front of me. I hope it lifts soon so I can see the road ahead."

Yes, we can identify with this anxious commuter just trying to get to work on time. Are there times when we have a problem navigating our lives as well? Do you ever feel that your mind is clouded with so many issues and deadlines that you lose sight of the really timeless things that make life worthwhile? Do you have enough time for your friends and loved ones? When we get too busy, our spiritual lives may suffer from neglect. That is when we need to slow down to see our path more clearly... to find direction for our lives.

We read in Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths."

Won't you take the time to worship this week? An hour in God's House will relieve your mind and refresh your spirit so you can clearly see the road ahead. God will be waiting for you there.

Father that way. He simply knew that with his Father there would be enough. So he genuinely gave thanks for the loaves and fishes. (not just for the miracle about to happen)

There is a principle in scripture, that those things, which we are thankful to God for, are blessed. And blessed these loaves and fishes were ... everyone fed, twelve baskets full left over. The thing we must be careful of is not to look at what we have and compare it to our need, and thus being ungrateful. But rather we must look at what we have and consider what we would have without God, and what He can do if we are grateful and give it back to Him. This is the pathway of blessing to both soul and body.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nahum 3:1-19	Jonah 3:1 - 4:11	Zephaniah 1:1-18	Zephaniah 2:1-15	Zephaniah 3:1-13	Zechariah 9:1-17	Zechariah 10:1 - 11:3

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NORCATUR NEWS

By NORCATUR NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

Recent visitors of Velda and Frank Ward were K.G. and Dorothy Ward, Lora Lynn Lechliter, all of Norcat, and Sheryl and Darwin Stiles of McComb, Miss. Sheryl is the daughter of Howard Ward and niece of Hope Fitzgerald of Imperial, Neb.

Birthday: Lori Roe - Oct. 17.
Congratulations to Scooter Matchett, who got the lead role in the musical, "Oklahoma," going into production at Colby Community College. He is the son of Marvin and Millie Matchett.

Goldie Brewer was an overnight guest of Oran and LaVerne Milner, Saturday, Oct. 9. Sunday morning Goldie and her daughters, Donna and Donnice and families, left for Colorado Springs, Colo., where Goldie will make her home. The families came over the weekend to load her furniture and move it to her new place.

Word has been received of the death of Donald Ankenman, who resided in Aurora, Ind., on Sept. 13. He was the son of the late Earl B. and Elda Nadine (Clark) Ankenman and was born July 7, 1931 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Royal Neighbors offered a delicious dinner on Sunday, Oct. 10, at the Norcat City Building. This was a fund-raiser for the *Norcat News*, and was well attended.

Dee Magers received word recently that her nephew, Jason Hahn, was injured in the war in Iraq. Jason was sent to Germany for medical attention. He has had an MRI to help find out exactly what is wrong, and says they are taking good care of him.

Crystal Moore received good news from Elden Auker on Oct. 8. Elden and Mildred are both safe, and have settled in an apartment located in a part of Vero Beach not touched by Hurricane Ivan. Their new address and phone are: 7955 16 Manor, Apt. B 114, Vero Beach, Fla., 32966, (772) 299-6957.

GOOD NEWS FROM ELDEN AND MILDRED AUKER

The hurricane began about midnight, and they spent the night with Mildred's nephew, who lived close by. Elden and Mildred's house was destroyed, but they were able to save a lot of their personal belongings. Their nephew's house also suffered major damage, along with losing its roof.

Elden said, "This was the worst situation I ever went through in my life. The winds were clocked at 125 mph, with at least 13 inches of rain. This was also the worst storm that has hit Vero Beach in 100 years.

"There were several fatalities, and so much destruction, with thousands of people out of work and with no place to live. The nearby Piper Cub Plant was totally destroyed, putting its 2,000 employees out of work.

"Mildred and I are so fortunate to be alive and safe."

The Norcat Pre-school reports a good turnout at their recent soup supper. The school made enough money to pay for their annual insurance, plus some to start on the window project. The state fire inspector said this Rescue Ventilation Window is mandatory for all pre-schools and child care centers. It is approximately 150 square inches larger than the present windows, and allows a fireman to enter with his backpack, if necessary. Again, the pre-school will be shut down if they don't comply.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DRAWING

The annual Norcat Christmas Drawing will be held on Saturday, Dec. 18, in the All-Purpose Room. The Pre-school will be serving a meal following the drawing. Payment will be by free-will donation. If you would like to make a donation to the drawing, please contact Deb Marshall or Chris Dempewolf. Due to the rising costs of meat, etc., donations for meats and fruit baskets will be \$12 this year. Keep the date open on your calendar, and be sure to donate to make it the one-of-a-kind events that it is.

PRAIRIE VIEW

By VIVIAN JANSONIUS

Richard and EvaLee Hall of Pine, Ariz., came Sept. 24 to visit her mother, Grada Jansonius, in Logan Manor and her father and brothers, William D. Jansonius and Willard and Cleo. They returned home Oct. 5.

The Gleaners Circle of the Prairie View Reformed Church met Oct. 7 at the church. Chairperson, Darline Brown opened the meeting with a reading, "I Have Not Passed This Way Again". Mrs. Brown also had the devotions.

Wauneta Schemper gave the Bible study on, "Working Out Salvation: How Does God Work Within Us". A letter from Lavone Ponstein was read to the seven members present. The Fall Supper scheduled for Oct. 27 was discussed. Goldie Barker was the hostess. Others attending were Linda Van Der Weele, Julianna Lasniewski, Linda Hultgren and Vivian Jansonius.

Erma Jean Nyland visited Sunday afternoon at the home of Marguerite Bahle.

NEW ALMELO

By BETTY OTTER

Sept. 30, Louise Nauer was buried at St. Joseph Cemetery at New Almelo. Funeral services were held earlier in the day at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Norton. She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul; brothers, Edward Duensing, Edwin Duensing; and a sister, Viola Behrens. Survivors include: her son, Paul R. and Kathy Nauer, Jennings; daughters, Paula Nauer, Lenexa; Marie and Greg Miller, Dresden; Mary and Larry Miller, Dresden; Juli and Roy Kidder, Mead, Colo.; sisters, Lydia and Elmer Wagner, Gresham, Ore., Clara and Raymond Thiele, Norton; and five grandchildren.

Marion and Lorraine Long's daughter, Rita and Bill Barker,

Hays, spent the weekend of Oct. 2 with them. On Sunday, Gary Long, Hill City, visited his parents. Lorraine heard from her nephew, Larry Hahn, Denver, formerly from New Almelo, that his son, Jason Hahn was stationed in Iraq. Jason was riding in a "Humvee" that was ambushed, killing two soldiers. He was thrown off and is now in a hospital in Germany. He has had surgery to remove shrapnel and may have to have back surgery.

On Oct. 8, Miriam and Edwin sent to Salina to the home of their daughter, Linda Baumberger. She accompanied them to Wichita where they all attended the Steichen family reunion.

Sophia Otter is in room No. 129 at the Norton County Hospital.

ALMENA NEWS

By ESTHER MARBLE

Visitors in Alice Kuiper's home on October 13 were her daughter and husband Janet and Dick Porter. Dorothy Tubbs visited later in the afternoon. Alice had not seen Dorothy for quite awhile. A few months before they had traveled to Salina together. Dorothy visited Marlin and Verla Ames and Alice spent time with Ken and Marla Kuiper.

Tom and Tim Malcolm brought Carrie Malcolm home last Friday as she had spent almost two weeks in Topeka and Lawrence visiting

her daughters and son and family. Alice Kuiper attended a birthday party for great-grandson, Jacob Porter who is two years old. Jacob lives in Manhattan with his parents Stuart and Angie Porter. Their home is near Elbo Lake in northeast Manhattan. Janet and Dick Porter also attended.

Bill Godfrey brought some more turnips down Sunday for me to take to the Senior Center. I delivered them on Monday morning. Anyone who likes them can get them there.

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